

**Abstract of the Disclosure:**

An optical fiber connector (100), which is used for interconnecting  
5 ends of optical fibers (200) together with a splice device or a similar device,  
comprises a connector body (10) and a protector (50), which is movably or  
slidably held by the connector body (10). The connector body (10) is  
provided with an arranging portion (23), which is separated from and  
independent of the protector (50). The arranging portion (23) arranges the  
10 optical fibers (200) so that the arrangement of the optical fibers (200) falls  
within a single closed predetermined area in an XZ plane perpendicular to a  
Y-direction, wherein the single closed predetermined area has a first area  
size in the XZ plane. The protector (50) is provided with a front end  
surface (52a), which is formed with a second opening (54). The second  
15 opening (54) has a second area size in the XZ plane, which is larger than the  
first area size. When the optical fibers (200) are held by the optical fiber  
connector (100), the second opening (54) is never in contact with the  
optical fibers (200) even during the protector (50) is moved.